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Response to Office Action

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REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed in response to the interview conducted on August 26, 2004, for which the Examiner is thanked.

THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to clarify the features of the present invention whereby the communication terminal comprises: storing means for storing regional image information specific to areas; and transmission means for reading from the storing means the regional image information corresponding to the area of the detected current position, and for attaching said regional image information to the electronic mail and transmitting the electronic mail with said regional image information attached thereto, when the communication device is set in an image attachment mode. These features were formerly recited in claims 2 and 7 and are described in the specification at, for example, page 10, lines 9-16.

Similarly, claim 11 has been amended to clarify the features of the present invention whereby a service center connected to a communication terminal via a radio channel comprises: storing means for storing regional information specific to positions of the terminal; reading means for reading the regional information corresponding to the current position from said storing means and

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attaching the regional information to the electronic mail; and means for transmitting the electronic mail with the regional information attached thereto, when an information attachment mode is set. These features were formerly recited in claim 12, and are also clearly supported by the disclosure in the specification.

Still further, claims 3-6 have been amended to depend from claim 1, claims 8-10 have been amended to depend from claim 6, and claims 13-15 have been amended to depend from claim 11.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues have been raised since the subject matter added to claims 1, 6 and 11 had already been recited in dependent claims 2, 7 and 12, respectively.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 1, 3-6, 8-11 and 13-15 be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that the amended claims now more clearly distinguish over the cited references.

As recognized by the Examiner, Tullis discloses that GPS data may be a search parameter that allows a host computer and camera display to work together to display images corresponding to similar GPS data (see column 7, lines 52-65 of Tullis). However, it is respectfully submitted that Tullis does not at all disclose, teach or suggest transmission means for reading from a storing means regional image information corresponding to an area of a detected current position, and for

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attaching said regional image information to an electronic mail and transmitting the electronic mail with said regional image information attached thereto, when an image attachment mode is set, in the manner of the present invention as now more clearly recited in amended independent claims 1 and 6.

In addition, with respect to amended independent claim 11, it is respectfully pointed out that on page 4 of the Office Action dated February 11, 2004 the Examiner has taken "Official Notice" that cell stations are known in the art. However, it is respectfully submitted that a service center having the features of the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 11 is not at all disclosed in the cited references or well known in the art. Namely, it is respectfully submitted that a service center which comprises: storing means for storing regional information specific to positions of the terminal; reading means for reading the regional information corresponding to the current position from said storing means and attaching the regional information to the electronic mail; and means for transmitting the electronic mail with the regional information attached thereto when an information attachment mode is set, in the manner of the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 11, is not at all disclosed in the cited references or well known in the art.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 1, 6 and 11, as well as claims 3-6, 8-10 and 13-22 respectively depending therefrom, clearly patentably distinguishes over the combination of Garfinkle and Tullis under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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